

An Invitation to Respond

As an Individual



The Book of Faith Initiative invites you to do two things - **open scripture** and **join the conversation**.

Open scripture often, in new ways and in familiar ways. Find multiple ways to Open the Book, and then read, pray, listen, and learn. Assemble helpful resources of your own, or use the questions and guides in the *Lutheran Study Bible*.

For the sake of daily life, **join the conversation** in your congregation and with your household. Enjoy conversations online as well, go to www.bookoffaith.org and click "Join the Conversation."

As a Congregation

As a church, you could do a variety of things, all connected to opening scripture and joining the conversation, for example:



- Begin all meetings with scripture and prayer
- Give out resources for "family Bible story time" in the home
- Embark on a common Bible reading schedule
- Add *Dwelling in the Word* moments (brief scripture testimonials) to your worship or meetings

The goal is to start new habits surrounding the scripture, while asking how God's word might renew our lives and our Church. Your congregation may **join this initiative** at www.bookoffaith.org.

How can the Book of Faith renew our lives and our church?

An initiative, not a program...

There is no one way to implement the Book of Faith Initiative. Each individual, small group, and congregation determine their own needs. The goal is to move toward deeper and broader conversation with the Scriptures.



The Book of Faith Initiative is an initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. More information available at www.bookoffaith.org.

Open the Book

- for your daily life
- in your congregation
- with your household



Let's discover together the power of God's word to call, enliven, empower, and send us. . .

for the sake of the world



An invitation brought to you by the Saint Paul Area Synod Book of Faith Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

Book of Faith Tool Kit

Saturday, October 16, 2010

8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Incarnation Lutheran

4880 Hodgson Rd., Shoreview

Dr. David Lose will be the plenary speaker for our synod's 2010 Book of Faith Tool Kit on Saturday, October 16. Dr. Lose is the author of the popular series Making Sense of Scripture. This event is designed to strengthen congregational leaders in Bible discussion leadership and the use of scripture within congregational ministries.

All Saint Paul Area Synod congregations are invited to participate.

More information will be available this summer at www.spas-elca.org.

David Lose, Director of the Center for Biblical Preaching and Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary



Book of Faith Jubilee!

August 2011

specific dates to be determined

Luther Seminary

2481 Como Ave., St. Paul

book of faith



Jubilee!

This event is for church leaders, Bible study leaders, youth and children's ministry staff, and clergy.

Read reflections on Jubilee 2009 and find out more information about next summer's event at www.luthersem.edu/jubilee today!

Augsburg Fortress Congregational Resources

Adult Bible Study Series

People of Faith

Books of Faith

Together in Faith

Additional Adult Resources



- Opening the Book of Faith Course
- Rediscovering the Book of Faith Course
- Lutheran Study Bible
- Book of Faith Lenten Journey
- Leading in Faith
- Making Sense of Scripture

Children's Resources

SPARK Activate Faith, a Sunday school faith formation program for ages 2-grade 6

SPARK Bible, NRSV, grades 2-6

SPARK Story Bible, age 2-grade 2



Websites and Resources

The adult and children's resources will be continually developed and gradually unfolded over the next few years. Find additional information at these websites:

www.augsburgfortress.org

www.activatefaith.org

www.bookoffaith.org

Saint Paul Area Synod Book of Faith Leadership Team



Anne Salo

al.salo@hotmail.com

Carrie Stiles

stiles-carrie@hotmail.com

Pastor Carrie Tokheim

tokheim@comcast.net

Pastor Phil Walen

pawalen@juno.com

Pastor Susan Miller, synod staff

susan.miller@spas-elca.org

Pastor Sara Vanderpan, synod advocate

svanderpan@comcast.net

Pastor Marilyn Breckenridge

mmsbreck@gmail.com

Pastor Hans Dahl

hans@gachurch.org

Pastor Luther Dale

ldale@incarnationmn.org

Pastor Tim Hackbarth

timhackbarth@qwest.net

Pastor Dick Jensen

rajensen@frontiernet.net

Let us know...

Please let us know what Bible practices are working for you or your congregation. Your suggestions and feedback are welcome, too.